

# *First Presbyterian Church*

*Tullahoma, Tennessee*

Fourth Sunday of Easter April 21, 2024

Vision Statement:

Worshipping God, growing together, serving others, and welcoming all

Service for the Worship of God – 10:30 a.m.

## Welcome and Announcements

*If you are visiting with us and would like to leave your contact information, please fill out the “Welcome” card (located in the pew rack) and drop it in the offering plate.*

**Prelude**

*Down in My Heart*

Kingdom Kids

*Still your heart and prepare to worship God.*

*Water is poured into the baptismal font calling us to remember our baptism.*

*The acolytes symbolically bring the light of Christ into the service.*

**Call to Worship** (responsively)

Led by Liturgist

Our help is in the name of the LORD,  
**who made heaven and earth.**

We will give thanks to you, O God, with our whole heart; we will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

**We will be glad and exult in you; we will sing praise to your name, O Most High.**

**Invocation**

Liturgist

**\*\*Hymn No. 468**

*In My Life*

**\*\*Call to Confession**

Liturgist

**\*\*Prayer of Confession** (unison)

Led by Liturgist

**Loving God, for self-righteousness that refuses to compromise, forgive us. For the lust of worldly things that drives us to see other people as competitors to be overcome and defeated, forgive us, O God. For the avarice and thoughtlessness that abuses your good creation, forgive us, O God. For hearing, believing, and even sometimes speaking lies about others, forgive us, O God. For suspicions and fears that stand in the way of reconciliation, forgive us, O God. Bring us now your Spirit, your Spirit of renewal and change, so we might grow ever more into the image of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

**\*\*Assurance of Pardon**

Liturgist

**\*\*Choral Response No. 399 – 2 times**

*God welcomes all, strangers and friends;  
God’s love is strong, and it never ends.*

**Time with Young Christians**

**Special Music**

**Prayer of Illumination**

**First Lesson: Psalm 23**

Found on page 501 in the Old Testament of the pew Bible

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom

**Thanks be to God.**

**Second Lesson: John 10:11-18**

Found on page 103 in the New Testament of the pew Bible

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**Sermon: "There Was This Teacher . . ."**

**\*\*Affirmation of Faith (unison)**

**God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns. The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts. The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

**\*\*Hymn No. 661**

*Why Should I Feel Discouraged*

**Prayers of the People (Minister) and The Lord's Prayer (unison): Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**Presentation of Ourselves and of our Gifts**

Call to Offering

Liturgist

*Contributions can be made online at [www.fpctullahoma.org](http://www.fpctullahoma.org)*

Offertory

**\*\*Doxology, No. 609**

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures high and low.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

**\*\*Prayer of Dedication**

Liturgist

**\*\*Hymn No. 839**

*Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!*

*Acolytes take the light out of the service, symbolizing that worshippers are to take the light of Christ into the world where our service begins.*

**\*\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*\*Postlude**

**\*\*All who are able are invited to stand.**

Ministers – Our entire congregation

Stephen G. Yates, Pastor

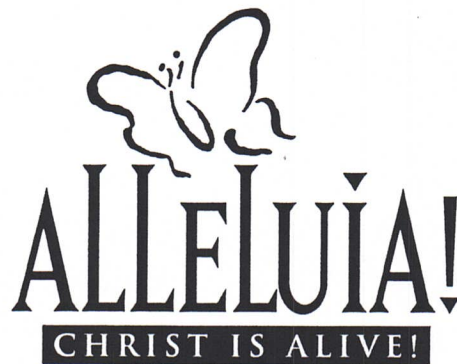
David Hiebert, Organist

Katie Prasser, Minister to Children

Bethany Sterling, Minister to Youth

Robert Wright, Choir Director

Mary Grigsby, Liturgist



**Easter is a season.** Easter is more than just one day in the church – it is a season beginning with the Day of Resurrection and concluding with the Day of Pentecost. Have you noticed that a part of the heading in the church bulletin indicates that today is “The Fourth Sunday of Easter”?

**The Great Fifty Days of Easter** began with the First Sunday of Easter, the celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord on March 31. The *Book of Common Worship* (2018) describes the Season of Easter: As with Christmas, Easter refers not only to a single day, but to a whole season of celebration in the Christian year. The season of Easter spans the fifty days between the Resurrection of the Lord and the Day of Pentecost, and encompasses the Ascension of the Lord . . . . In this most joyful season, we celebrate the great mystery of our faith – that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

## **Announcements for April 21, 2024**

### **Sunday, April 21**

9:00 a.m. Sunday school for adults

10:30 Worship service (Kingdom Kids singing)

Immediately after the worship service there will be a **Youth Fundraiser for the Montreat Youth Conference: Taco Bar & Talent Show**

11:30 Finance and Personnel Committee meeting in the church parlor

### **Monday, April 22**

8:30 Learning Place Preschool

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5:30 p.m. Girls Night Out quilters meeting in Fellowship Hall

### **Wednesday, April 24**

8:30 Learning Place Preschool

5:00 p.m. Kingdom Kids for children Pre-K – fifth grade

5:00 p.m. Presbyterian Youth Connection 1 for middle school students

6:30 p.m. Presbyterian Youth Connection 2 for high school students

### **Thursday, April 25**

8:30 Learning Place Preschool

2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Thursday Girls meeting in Fellowship Hall

### **Saturday, April 27**

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Girls Night Out quilters meeting in Fellowship Hall

### **Sunday, April 28**

9:00 a.m. Sunday school for adults

10:30 Worship service

11:30 Fellowship time hosted by the Property Committee in Fellowship Hall

11:30 Christian Education Committee meeting in the church parlor